

~~address of the Secretary of State's website and, if applicable, of the county website where a sample ballot may be viewed.~~

**ARTICLE SIX.
FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL ELECTION DAY PERSONNEL**

Sec. 17. Section 2131 shall be added to the Elections Code to read:

2131. (a) The "Election Day Registration Fund" (hereinafter, the "Fund") is hereby established in the State Treasury. The Fund is a special fund created for the purpose of assisting elections officials in implementing the provisions of this Act, including, but not limited to, training and providing additional personnel to conduct registration on election days, providing additional voter registration materials and expanding voter outreach programs.

(b) Notwithstanding section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000), adjusted annually to reflect increases in the cost of living, shall be continuously appropriated from the General Fund to the Election Day Registration Fund without regard to fiscal years for the purposes of this Act.

(c) On July 1 of each year the State Controller shall transfer from the General Fund to the Election Day Registration Fund the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000), along with any cost of living increases. Notwithstanding section 13340 of the Government Code all funds in Election Day Registration Fund shall be continuously appropriated to the Secretary of State without regard to fiscal year to be expended for the purposes of the Act.

(d) Funds deposited in the Election Day Registration Fund are not otherwise subject to appropriation by the Legislature and, notwithstanding any other

provision of law, may be expended by the Secretary of State without regard to Fiscal Year and shall not revert to any other fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, interest earned by the Fund shall accrue only to the Fund and may only be expended only for the purposes of the Act.

(e) Monies deposited in the Election Day Registration Fund shall be distributed annually by the Secretary of State to counties to cover the costs of implementing the provisions of this Act, including the cost of providing and training additional personnel to conduct election day voter registration, creating additional voter registration materials and expanding voter outreach programs. Such monies shall be allocated using a fair and equitable distribution formula that gives priority to the actual expenses of providing the additional personnel required by this Act. All funds transferred to the Election Day Registration Fund shall be distributed to the counties for use as specified in this Act; no part of these funds shall be used by the Secretary of State to administer the allocation process.

(f) Elections officials receiving monies from the Election Day Registration Fund shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of State which identifies how those monies were used, including the number of personnel added to conduct voter registration and a description of any voter outreach efforts implemented as a result of the funding.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Sec. 18. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION. The provisions of this act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose of allowing and facilitating voter registration and voter reregistration on election day.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Sec. 19. AMENDMENTS. This Act may be amended to further its purpose by statute, passed in each House, two-thirds of the Legislature concurring and signed by the Governor. For purposes of this section, a statute will not be deemed to further the purposes of the Act if it eliminates or creates significant impediments to election day registration or reregistration. However, it is not the intent of this section to preclude changes in registration procedure which are the result of changes in technology, provided those changes are intended to facilitate the registration process and increase the number of eligible voters who register to vote. Notwithstanding the above, any of the sections contained in Article Five of this Act may be amended by statute, passed by majority vote of each House, and signed by the Governor.

ARTICLE NINE

Sec. 20. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any section or provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, it is the intent of the voters that the remaining sections of the Act continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of the Act are severable.